

## Day's Dawning Inspires Early Risers

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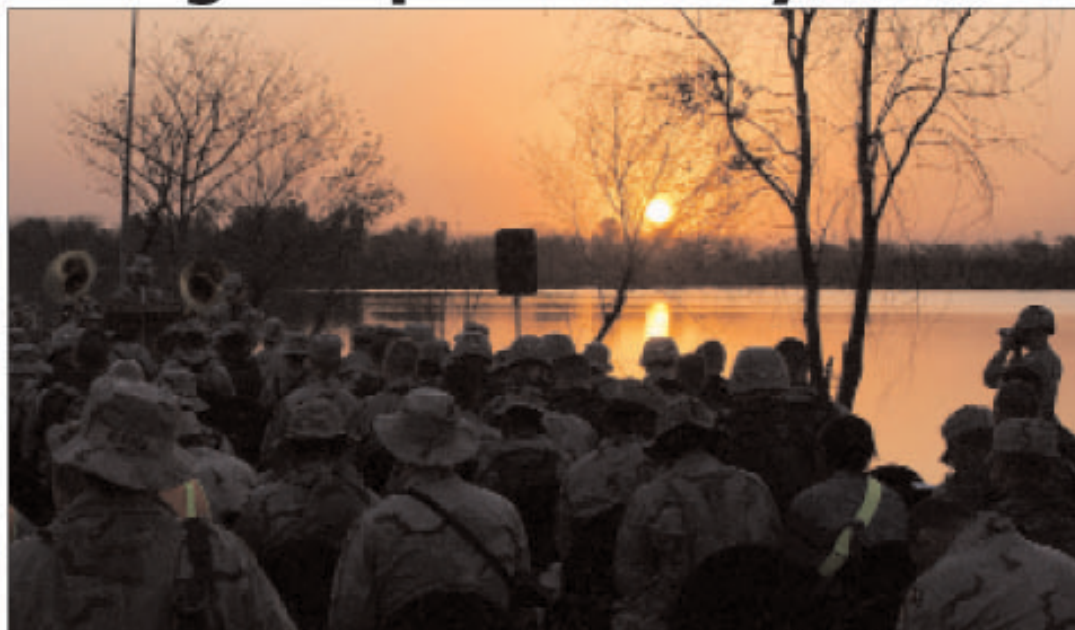
In the quiet dawn, Soldiers assembled for a special Easter sunrise service lakeside near the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division's main headquarters here.

Scores of troops; enlisted, officer and civilian; sang, prayed and worshiped during the hour-long service. 1<sup>st</sup> Cav. Div. Commanding General Maj. Gen. Pete Chiarelli opened the celebration.

"The Army is full of traditions," Chiarelli said. "But let's not make this one of them, being in Baghdad, I mean."

For several Soldiers, Sunday marked a special day far from home and family and an Easter made more significant for many reasons.

"Easter to me is always important because it is the foundation of my faith," said Capt. Silas Session, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 82<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery



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**Soldiers of the 1<sup>st</sup> Cav. Div. gather to celebrate Easter during a sunrise service on Camp Victory North. Several hundred Soldiers attended the non-denominational service, ministered to by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) David Moran.**

Regiment, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Combat Team. "This is special because it is near where Christ actually walked. In the midst of

all things, this is really special."

Pfc. Derick Van Gorkum, a chaplain's assistant with 1<sup>st</sup>

Cav. Div.'s headquarters company also recognized the unique aspect of Sunday's serv-

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## Civil Affairs, Iraqis Interact for a Better Iraq

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**FORWARD OPERATING BASE THUNDER**— On any given day Capt. Paul McBride, a civil affairs team leader with the 425<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion, can be "outside the wire" working with local Iraqis. There are projects to oversee, weekly Government Information Council meetings to attend and other quick-fire missions to support the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division, as needed. On each and every one of

these days, McBride sees his mission as a vital ingredient in the overall mix of activity intended to build a better Iraq.

"The bottom line, I think, as a civil affairs team is to help give people hope," McBride said. "I thought about it a long time about what we do here, and the bottom line is that we give them hope for the present, and hope for the future."

"They've had 30 years of despair," he continued. "Presently, [Iraqis] are seeing

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warfare through radical elements in their own country deprive them [from] their future and deprive them of

hope. We want to make sure they've got a future for themselves, and for their children."

As a civil affairs team leader attached to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 12<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment, McBride is responsible for working with projects in the Abu Ghraib and Agar Quf areas of Baghdad. He and his team of eight act as an interface between the local civilians from these areas and the 2-12 Cav, which has overall responsibility for

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ice.

"Being where we are and in the situation that we are in, [Easter] does mean a little more," he said. "It is nice to

have the spiritual aspect here."

The Division Chaplain, (Lt. Col.) David Moran gave the sermon and reflected on the nature of this Easter Sunday in a deployed location.

"It is absolutely different from every other experience of Easter," Moran said. "We are not in the usual day-to-day routines. I guess, sadly, [back home] Easter becomes ordinary. We really don't experience what it must have been like for the disciples."

"Over here, facing death, so many [Soldiers] have died just this past week," Moran continued. "We are not facing Easter the same way. I think that makes today a very poignant celebration. It helps us to look at Easter the way they did the first time and to listen for Christ calling our name."

At the end of the service, with the sun high in the sky over the man-made lake, Soldiers walked away in somber moods, reflecting over the sermon, the songs and the shaping of their own unique memories of Easter in Iraq.



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**Members of the 1<sup>st</sup> Cav. Div. band play during an Easter celebration at dawn on Camp Victory.**

## Today in History April 12

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1633 Galileo is convicted of heresy

1858 First gentile governor arrives in Utah

1861 The Civil War begins

1864 The Fort Pillow Massacre

1937 Winners, Losers and the National Labor Relations Act

1945 President Franklin D. Roosevelt dies

1949 Legal thriller writer Scott Turow is born

1954 Haley records "Rock Around the Clock"

1981 First launching of the space shuttle

1861 Fort Sumter fired upon

1975 U.S. Embassy in Cambodia evacuated

### Monday

High: 88  
Low: 62



### Tuesday

High: 87  
Low: 60



### Wednesday

High: 92  
Low: 64



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# Civil Affairs Team Mentors Iraqis to Rebuild Iraq

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that area of operations.

Currently, McBride's team is busy with projects as varied as refurbishing a youth center, making road repairs and providing water to outlying communities. The proj-

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ects usually begin to get off the ground during weekly meetings held at Forward Operating Base (FOB) Thunder. Here, McBride meets with local contractors and Nahiyas (rural local advisory councils) to determine their priorities. When a com-

mon ground is found between the Iraqis and 2-12 Cav, bids are drawn up for the contracts.

"They (contractors) come in and we discuss the offers that are up for bid and tell them what the requirements are," McBride explained. "When they come back with their bid, we evaluate that and then we tell them who the winner is. Then there is just a small wait, so we discuss the projects and what the expectations are for the work."

Though the team is currently very active in facilitating these projects, McBride's hope is that the Iraqis will eventually take their future into their own hands. In his role as an advisor, McBride is also hoping to teach Iraqis about democracy.

"Part of my job is to actively assist them and mentor them in how to get things done," he said. "We teach them how to make the decisions, what decisions need to be made, and how to make



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**Capt. Paul McBride walks the streets of Abu Ghraib, after transporting an Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Soldier to an Improvised Explosive Device site. "Our primary task is civil affairs, but we are always Soldiers first, last and always," McBride said.**

them."

After 30 years under a dictatorial regime, many Iraqis are afraid to speak openly on the issues that are important to them, McBride noted. They've learned that they'd put themselves or their families in danger if they tried to get something done on their own. Now they are in a position where they have to make a plan to fix their problems, and they have to back it with action, he said.

"You know they really have the future in their own hands," he said. "There is a vast, quiet majority that wants a peaceful, strong Iraq and a

smooth transition, and expects that America will be a part of it."

The projects prepared by McBride's team cover a relatively small area. Abu Ghraib and Agar Quf are only two of many communities in Baghdad, a city with over 5 million residents. Still, McBride and his team believe the work they do in these communities will prove an important piece in the larger puzzle: rebuilding Iraq.



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**Civil affairs team leader Capt. Paul McBride interacts with a local Iraqi contractor at FOB Thunder. McBride's team is responsible for conducting civil affairs missions in the Abu Ghraib and Agar Quf districts of Baghdad.**



## Scores



### NBA:

New Jersey Nets 89  
Philadelphia 76ers 75

Chicago Bulls 114 OT  
Toronto Raptors 108

Sacramento Kings 102  
Los Angeles Lakers 85

## FIRST TEAM

### ▶ Searching for submerged eggs



Killeen Daily Herald

Children splash through the puddles as they search for Easter eggs April 10. Killeen and surrounding areas received approximately 1.9 inches of rain during the past Easter weekend.

## Scores



### MLB:

Detroit Tigers 6  
Minnesota Twins 5

New York Yankees 5  
Chicago White Sox 4

Tampa Bay Devil Rays 10  
Baltimore Orioles 1

Boston Red Sox 2  
Toronto Blue Jays 0

Kansas City Royals 5  
Cleveland Indians 3

Seattle Mariners 9  
Oakland As 4

Anaheim Angels 7  
Texas Rangers 2

Chicago Cubs 10  
Atlanta Braves 2

Pittsburgh Pirates 4  
Cincinnati Reds 3

New York Mets 4  
Montreal Expos 1

Houston Astros 7  
Milwaukee Brewers 4

Florida Marlins 3  
Philadelphia Phillies 1

Colorado Rockies 4  
Los Angeles Dodgers 2

St. Louis Cardinals 11  
Arizona Diamondbacks 8

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20:00	ESPNews/ Headline News	The Best of Times	Baseball Tonight	The Simpsons/ The Cosby Show
21:00	60 Minutes	Five Desperate Hours 21:45	MLB - Pittsburgh Pirates @ Chicago Cubs	Average Joe
22:00	Battlestar Galactica			Law & Order: Special Victims Unit